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## STATE TREASURER FULLY SUPPORTS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MOTION TO DISMISS LT. GOVERNOR HUTCHISON'S ESA LAWSUIT

Responding to a statement issued by Lt. Governor Hutchison last night, State Treasurer Dan Schwartz said, "I am outraged at Mr. Hutchison's statement which borders on pure fantasy."

"To say that he is acting pro bono is ludicrous. Mr. Hutchison is using this political stunt as a lever to raise thousands of dollars for his next political campaign. The rest of his statement is equally disingenuous. The Attorney General and I are already giving Nevada families a voice and have been doing so for the past seven months. Mr. Hutchison was nowhere to be seen during the many public hearings we held or at the three court appearances that have already taken place.

"Mr. Hutchison says he 'communicated with the Attorney General' before he filed his suit. He did—15 minutes ahead of time. The legal theory underlying Mr. Hutchison's lawsuit is also a total invention. Mr. Hutchison bases his lawsuit on a statute which is barely relevant. Even if it were, the Lieutenant Governor fails to meet the requirements set by the Nevada Supreme Court. Finally, Mr. Hutchison has the nerve to invoke the judicial process to justify his actions, by claiming that 'a judge, not a politician, will now decide the issue.' Mr. Hutchison's behavior is pure politics. It perverts the Attorney General's hard work in defending Nevada's parents' right to see their children get a good education.

"If the Lieutenant Governor really cared about Nevada families, he would end this charade and withdraw his lawsuit immediately."

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